

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis  
**Letter 12 Worksheet**  
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**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. orbit \_\_\_\_\_
2. trivial \_\_\_\_\_
3. revocable \_\_\_\_\_
4. utmost \_\_\_\_\_
5. communicant \_\_\_\_\_
6. externally \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

contend, explicit, repentance, suppress, intensifying, tenfold, financial embarrassment, omit, decently, benumb, roistering, inhibited, gratification, feeble, labyrinth, reveries, cumulative, milestones

**Bonus Vocabulary**

signposts

**Comprehension Questions** Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1. Why do you think Screwtape and Wormwood would want the “patient” to think that all of his choices are trivial and unchangeable?

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2. How can external habits be dangerous to Christians?

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3. What is the term used when Christians get a sense of “dim uneasiness”?  
(Hint: Many refer to this as the still, small Voice)

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4. What Person speaks to the Christian through this “dim uneasiness”?

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5. What is this “dim uneasiness” and a sense Christians have when they know they have not been doing very well lately called? (Hint: It has 3 letters)

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6. Why do you think this “dim uneasiness” may cause a Christian to have reluctance to think about God?

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7. Lewis talks about how a Christian, when in the state of sin, will dislike religious duties hoping they will be done quickly. Why do you think this is so? (Has this ever happened to you?)

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8. How do question numbers 6 and 7 relate to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

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9. Screwtape mentions several “seemingly innocent” pastimes that distract the Christian from his duties and repentance. Do you recall them? (The first one is done for you).

a. good book (keep from prayer / work / sleep)

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Explain: “... as one of my own patients said on his arrival down here, ‘I now see that I spent most of my life in doing *neither* what I ought *nor* what I liked.’ ”

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11. How are questions 9 and 10 harmful to the Christian?

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12. Screwtape holds that tempters need not go after spectacular sins, but small sins. Why?

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13. What Scriptural proofs, if any, are there to support the assertion in question number 12?

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